in jobs for SCs/STs/OBCs in the State of Rajasthan :

(i) Reservation in Central Government services and posts and Central educational institutions are provided to the extent of 15% for SCs and 7.5% for STs, except for Central Services where recruitment is made on a local or regional basis, in which case the reservation percentages are 17% for SCs and 12% for STs.

(ii) Reservation in State Government Services and posts and State educational institutions are provided to the extent of 16% and 12% (with some variations in the case of medical and engineering colleges).

(iii) 33 seats for SCs and 24 seats for STs are reserved in the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly. 4 seats for SCs and 3 seats for STs are reserved in the Lok Sabha in relation to Rajasthan.

(iv) The Central Government has provided 27% reservation to the OBCs in Civil posts and services under Government of India since 8th September, 1993 subject to the exclusion of socially and economically advanced persons/sections known as "creamy layer."

(c) and (d). Yes Sir. The Central Government has notified the central List of OBCs in respect of Rajasthan State vide Notification No. 163 dated 19th October, 194.

The communities specified as scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in relation to the State of Rajasthan are listed in the latest edition of the Manual of Election Law brought out by the Ministry of Law, Justice and Company Affairs.

Assistance to Co-operative Stores

1541. SHRI N.J. RATHWA : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have provided financial assistance to some co-operative stores situated in Gujarat, especially in the tribal areas;

(b) if so, the total funds allocated for the Co-operative stores in Gujarat during each of the last three years; and

(c) the details of other food items provided to those Co-operative stores during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) and (b). No, Sir. During the last three years Government of India have not provided any financial assistance to any cooperative stores of Gujarat including stores in tribal areas.

(c) So far as foodgrains under PDS are concerned, Government of India makes the allocation to the State Governments and the State Governments in turn make district/area/store-wise allocation.

[English]

Pollution at Religious Places

1542. SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are working on some scheme to preserve environment and check pollution at the religious places of national importance;

(b) if so, the names of such religious places; and

(c) the progress of the work undertaken to check pollution at religious places in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) and (b). Government has issued environmental guidelines specifying criteria for siting of industries near archaeological monuments and religious places of national importance. Schemes have also been undertaken to improve the water quality of rivers in the following cities/towns of religious importances :

Hardwar, Allahabad, Varanasi, Mathura, Vrindavan, Nasik Sri Rangapatna, Bhawani, Trichy, Ujjain, Vidisha, Indore, Bhadrachalam, Rajamundary etc.

(c) Information is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the House.

Milk Booths

1543. SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR : Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state :

(a) total number of Delhi Milk Schemes booths in different parts of Delhi;

(b) whether such milk booths are provided in the slum areas;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH) : (a) Delhi Milk Scheme (DMS) has 1236 milk booths in different parts of Delhi.

(b) and (c). These booths are so located so as to cater to the needs of different sections of society including the slum dwellers. A list of DMS milk booths catering to the needs of consumers of weaker sections and adjoining slum areas is given in the Statement.

(d) Does not arise in view of answer at (b) and (c) above.